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BRIGHT OUTLOOK IN VIEW FOR 1923

ARYVILLE BANKERS OPTIMIS-TIC OVER COUNTY CONDITIONS

OSPERITY, SLOW-SURE

Past Year Has Shown Promising ns and the Next Year Will Be Better

That Maryville and Nodaway County starting the year of 1923 with a ght outlook for prosperity, is the ensus of opinion of the bankers of ville when interviewed today by nocrat-Forum representative. Con-ive optimism was expressed for oming year, and very satisfactory opments noted during the close of

I am rather optimistic regarding fu-financial conditions, and particu- respect to agriculture," said Jackson, pres dent of the First Bank.

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BYRON JAMES TO LEAD THE C. OF C. SINGING TONIGHT

Walter Nixson To Play the Piano—New Entertainment Committee To Be Appointed

The first Chamber of Commerce luncheon for 1923 will be held tonight at the Bainum Hotel. Walter Nixson will preside at the piano and Byron James will lead the community singing. Secretary Pickens has not announced any further plans of what may be "sprung" at tonight's luncheon. A new entertainment committee will be appointed to have charge of the luncheon entertainments for the next four weeks.

BIG CROWD GREETS 1ST M. E. CANTATA

"THE MESSIAH'S COMING" LAST NIGHT VERY ENJOYABLE.

JANUARY PROGRAM MADE

Dr. C. C. James Has Planned Double Series of Sermons and Illustrated Songs.

One of the most enjoyable musical programs of the year was given last night at the First M. E. Church, when, "The Messiah's Coming," a Christmas cantata was presented by the choir, under the direction of C. D. Kutschinski. A crowded church greeted the musicians and keen appreciation was evidenced by the audience. The solo, duet and quartet numbers were all well rendered and well received. The program as given in Saturday's Democrat-Forum was carried out. The following are the participating voices:

Women's Voices—Mrs. G. F. Barton, Miss Gertrude Belt, Mrs. Leonard Bosch, Miss Ruth Cline, Miss May Corwin, Miss Lola Coulter, Miss Laveta Epperson, Miss Vira Fitz, Miss Gladys Ford, Mrs. Edith Glenn, Miss Helen Hankins, Mrs. A. F. Harvey, Miss Ruth Houchens, Miss Emma Hull, Miss Minnie James, Dr. J. G. C. Kutschinski, Mrs. C. C. Leeson, Miss Inez Moore, Mrs. W. H. Nixson, Miss Edna O'Neal, Miss Matie Price, Miss Hazel Pugh, Mrs. F. P. Robinson, Miss Dorothy Snodderly, Mrs. C. E. Wells, Miss Edith Wolcott.

Male Voices—N. H. Brown, C. A. Gaugh, Byron James, Dr. C. C. James, C. D. Kutschinski, Vern Moore, Harry Mutz, Walter Nixson, Leslie Somerville, L. B. Tracy, Garland White.

The orchestra personnel — Misses Maud Kibbe, Margaret Dietz, Audrey Stiwalt, Gertrude Garrett, Norma Randall, Verneta Moore, Clary Weber La Mar, Lucille Gaugh, Wm. Utter, Harvey Bush, Carol Hogan, Orrin Miller, Wm. Gaugh, C. C. Leeson, R. J. Boatman, T. B. Mumma, Leon Cannon, Miss Lucille Airy, Miss Alice Welling, C. D. Kutschinski, directed.

Dr. C. C. James, pastor of the First Methodist Church has prepared and announced the January program for the church. The program includes a series of morning and evening sermons with special illustrated songs. The double series of sermons will show the Christian as a steward of life, and the illustrated lecture sermons will show what the Church is accomplishing now. Four illustrated hymns will be introduced at the night services.

The Sunday morning themes as announced are: "The Attractive Life," the life of prayer; "In the Fire of the Heart," or the stewardship of the individual life; "The Melting Pot of the World," or the stewardship of world vision; and the "Christian or Pagan," stewardship of possession.

The themes for the Sunday night services will be: "The Work of the Church in the Home Land;" "The Good Will Industries," showing the work of the Church with the down and outer; "A Visit to Southern and Eastern Asia" being a description of the Church and its work abroad. The second Sunday evening of the month, Dr. Fulkerson, who was vice consul to China, and missionary and educator will speak.

The illustrated songs to be used re: "America the Beautiful," "From reenlands Icy Mountains," "Where oss the Crowded Ways of Life." "I Gave My Life For Thee." The mbership and public are invited to nd these services.

ifornia for Winter.

A. Phares and Mrs. A. B. ll leave Friday morning for les, Calif., where they will e remainder of the winter. ll visit in Kansas City until ay moving.

The New Year

Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying clouds, the frost night,
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells across the snow,
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out the slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manner, purer laws.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—From Tennyson's "In Memoriam."

RECORD OF 1923 IS IN OUR HANDS

SAYS REV. COOPER IN NEW YEARS SERMON

"TIME, A GIFT OF GOD"

Baptist Minister Speaks of Past Year And Expresses His Desire for The New Year

"The most fundamental gift of God is time," declared the Rev. J. A. Cooper, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in his New Year's sermon yesterday morning. "We might as well begin the new year," he admonished by saying, "The record of this year is in my hands, and God forbid it that I blame any failures or shortcomings upon circumstances. I am master of my fate, I am captain of my soul, and if I fail I can blame no one but myself."

In speaking of the new year, Mr. Cooper said in part: "It is with great difficulty that I drive my mind to think of the future instead of the past. But it is a good thing for us to look back in retrospection of the past to see our failures and say never more."

"As we look back over our failures and shortcomings, one of the most discouraging things is the fact that we improve so slowly on our experiences. We recognize them when done and say 'woe be to us if we do it again,' and still we fail to improve as rapidly as we should."

"We should at this last day of the year, think of the 365 days that the Lord has given us and ask what we have done with them. The most fundamental gift of God is time."

"My real desires for 1923 are that I may mean more than I have ever meant before. I want to keep in mind that goal throughout the year. I want to be more self reliant and have more supremacy over circumstances, facts and conditions that I have not had before. I want to have such enduring faith in my work that I can hold my poise and balance in the face of everything; the Master did it beautifully. I want a faithfulness that I've never before approached. I want to realize that I don't live a moment to myself. It isn't always a happy thought, but you can't get away from responsibility if you are a Christian."

"I want to be loyal to my folks and my church. I want to mean more to others by meaning more to myself. I want to get everything I can for myself and give it away. I want to keep my mind clean, I want a good insight, understanding and appreciation."

"I want to be a world citizen in 1923, to use any influence I may have as far as I may make it felt; I don't want to be a parasite, I want to lift."

NEW YEARS NOT AN UNUSUAL HOLIDAY, SAYS SEN. LODGE

It Comes Every Year, He Declares When Asked for a Settlement.

Washington, Jan. 1, 1923. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, venerable Republican leader of the senate has no New Year's message for the American people.

"I have no statement to make for anybody on any subject on any occasion," Lodge replied to a request.

"Won't you give a statement for New Year's Day?" the reporter pressed. "Its a holiday, you know."

"Certainly I know it,' snapped Lodge. "But its not such a damned, unusual holiday, it comes every year."

C. OF C. WILL NOT GET ROAD REPORTS NOW UNTIL APRIL

George A. Pickens, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce today received word from W. J. Belden, meteorologist of the St. Joseph weather bureau, that the road reports on the conditions of the highways, would be discontinued until April. Mr. Belden stated though that he would continue to send the weather reports to the Chamber of Commerce.

To Teach Munkers School

Miss Florence Busby has been employed to teach the Munkers school, east of Ravenwood, succeeding Miss Mary Coppersmith, who has resigned to enter college.

FIFTH OF TAXES ARE DELINQUENT

ACCORDING TO CITY AND TOWNSHIP COLLECTORS.

ABOUT SAME IN 1921

Taxes Become Delinquent Tomorrow Instead of Today by Leniency of Collectors.

The city and township taxes will become delinquent tomorrow. According to the ruling the taxes for one year become delinquent on January 1 of the following year but this year the collectors had some little odd matters to settle and they are allowing an extra day of grace. Because of this any taxpayers who pay a visit to the city hall today will not be assessed the extra one per cent for delinquency.

The amount of city taxes for the year 1922 was $37,104.57. Of this amount $29,680.02 has been collected leaving a delinquent amount of $7,424.55.

Mr. Meek, city collector, said today that he did not have the exact figures on last year at this time but that if the per cents were averaged he believed that the delinquencies this year would run larger than last year. Of course the amount has to be taken into consideration, there being $5,000 less taxes this year to collect.

The amount of township taxes collected so far is $102,874.67. The total to be collected is $131,721.09. This leaves a delinquincy of $28,846.42, according to Mrs. Besse Thorp, collector.

Toels Visit Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Court Toel of New York City came last night from Savannah, where they have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Toel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Limerick. They will spend a week here as the guests of Mr. Toel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Toel, and his sister, Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, and Mr. Montgomery.

VIRGIL GRAY ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF HAVING LIQUOR

Young Man Was Arrested Saturday Night—Was Released On $1,000 Bond

Virgil Gray was arrested about 9 o'clock Saturday night in the neighborhood of the Cook and Vogt Produce Co. by officers Ed Wallace and John Porter on a charge of possessing, selling and transporting intoxicating liquor.

He gave bond of $1,000 and his trial was set for 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

MAYOR OUTLINES MARYVILLE NEEDS

NEW ORDINANCES, MORE PAVING AND BETTER SEWERS

CITY IMPROVED IN 1922

And Will Continue to Do So If Plans Now in the Making Are Carried Out

What Maryville needs most and what she may see consumated in the year 1923 is a complete revision of the city ordinances. This statement was made this afternoon by Mayor F. P. Robinson. The ordinances now in use are all right but they are out of date. The last time they were revised was on March 8, 1904. When this revision was made the city of Maryville was under the aldermanic form of government and the ordinances were modeled to fit this. Since then the city government has undergone a change and now the commission plan with a city manager is in force. The ordinances have been revised, repealed and amended so many times that it is almost impossible to tell just what they really are.

Mr. Robinson said that it is highly probable that during the coming twelve months the ordinances will undergo a complete rejuvination.

Another thing that Maryville needs is move paving. Now there are approximately twelve miles of paved streets in the city but this is not enough. Growing each year, Maryville needs to have more paving to keep up with the strides taken in all of the civic facilities.

The system of sewerage is fast becoming inadequate. When the mains were laid they were not made large enough and the time will soon come when they will have to be enlarged or relaid.

These are three of the things which Maryville needs, according to Mayor Robinson. There are others but these are of the most important. The ordinances and paving matter will likely receive attention this year and the sewerage may come to notice although it is not as likely to as the others.

The assessed valuation of the city is larger this year than it was in 1922. In that year it was $5,479,740 and this year it has been increased to $5,537,900.

But not in valuation alone has Maryville grown as many improvements have been made. During the year just passed more than $6,000 has been spent on the improvement of the streets of Maryville. The largest project taken up in this improvement was the rounding of the corner at Fourth and Dunn streets on the way to the State Teachers College. This was done at a cost of about $1,200. Not only the paved streets, but the dirt streets have been improved. These are now in the best condition that they have ever been. A corps of workmen has been at work at different times during the year, grading, draining and dragging them and this will be continued through 1923.

All of the bad crossings have been worked or will be attended to in the near future. More than a car load of brick has been used in the repairing of the crossings and approaches alone.

The fire department has been increased in efficiency. A new chassis has been substituted for the old one and now the power of the truck is much greater than before. With the new truck and accessories purchased Maryville has a department worthy of any city.

Yes, Maryville has grown during the year 1922. It has grown in population and resources and it has grown in civic improvements. And it will continue to grow.

WORLD OUTLOOK IS GLOOMY FOR 1923

MIGHTY CONFLICT BREWING BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE FORCE.

ALLIES MEET TOMORROW

Paris Session Will Discuss Reparation—Condition Favorable for Open Break in Ranks.

London, Jan. 1—The world swung into the New Year with the mightiest and most spectacular conflict in the history of the civilized world brewing between the forces of war and peace.

Although describing her actions as purely "precautionary measures," Great Britain has assembled the mightiest fleet in the Turkish waters and have ordered more ships to the Mediterranean.

On the other hand, President Harding and his advisors are scouring every avenue, seeking political and economic tranquility. The representatives of the Allies will meet in Paris tomorrow to consider plans for the reparation. If it is impossible for them to arrive at a mutually satisfactory agreement, Great Britain may withdraw her objections to the French occupation of the Ruhr basin.

This would precipitate a great crisis. Germany declares it would mean a civil war within her own borders. Peace efforts would meet with serious obstructions. It is predicted that Russia would give Kemal military aid if there would be a clash between Great Britain and Turkey. Greece would be ready to fly again at Turkey to regain her lost territory. Italy is strengthening her army and navy. Russia is solidifying by the formation of a United States of Russia, a coalation of all Soviet representatives. Russia and Roumania is at loggerheads, because of the taking of Bessabrasie by the Roumanians.

London, Jan. 1—Owing to uncertainty in the near East conference, and the possibility of hostilities, over 600 British and other residents of Malta, have prepared to repart immediately, said a dispatch from Ba- etta today. Malta is the military and naval stronghold of Great Britain in the Mediterranean.

EXTRADITION HEARING FOR DR. M'KOIN SET FOR JAN. 6

Ex-Mayor of Mer Rouge, Charged With Murder Is Now in Jail at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—Hearing on the extradition proceedings of Dr. B. M. McKoin, ex-mayor of Mer Rouge, La., now confined in the city jail here on a charge of murder of Watt Daniels and Charles Richards, will be heard next Wednesday, Governor Richie announced today.

Although Governor Richie has been informed that the Louisiana officials have left for Baltimore, their whereabouts in this city is not known. Detective Lynn and Sheriff Calhoun of Morehouse parish will present the request of Governor Parker for delivery of McKoin, together with an affidavit charging the murder and a warrant accompanying the affidavit.

Dr. McKoin was confined to the hospital in the city jail today with a cold. He did not leave his bed this morning. All day he refused to see anyone.

JOHN BEST BODY TO ARRIVE HERE TONIGHT FOR BURIAL.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, Man Died Following An Operation for Appendicitis on Dec. 11.

The body of John Best, who died at 9:15 o'clock Saturday evening in Cheyenne, Wyo., will arrive in Maryville tonight for burial. The body will be accompanied to Maryville by Mrs. Best and son, Dewey, nine years old, and Mrs. Best's father and brother, Joe Chappell and Earl Chappell of Maryville, who went to Omaha last night to meet the funeral party. Mr. Best underwent an operation for appendicitis Dec. 11 and his death was due to complications which developed after the operation. He is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chappell, 422 South Hester street. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight, rising temperature in west and north parts; Tuesday increasing cloudiness, warmer in south west.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY

ALL RECORDS BROKEN FOR SALE OF FORD CARS AND TRUCKS

Statement Issued by Ford Motor Company Shows Retail Deliveries Exceed 100,000 a Month.

According to a statement issued by the Ford Motor Company, deliveries of Ford cars and trucks to retail buyers during the month of November totalled 106,327. This is a new high sales record that has never before been approached by the company at this season of the year and one which stands out in marked contrast to the November, 1921 retail delivery figures which totalled slightly over 58,000 cars and trucks.

For eight consecutive months, beginning with April 1 of this year retail deliveries have exceeded 100,000 Ford cars and trucks each month; the accumulated total for the first eleven months of 1922 being approximately 1,200,000. While the company points out that it is not unusual for Ford retail sales to exceed the 100,000 mark during the spring and early summer months when the demand is at its peak, the manner in which business has held up throughout the balance of the year is without precedent.

Credit for this remarkable showing is attributed by the Ford Motor Company to the many improvements which have lately been made on Ford cars and particularly to the new low level of Ford prices, recently put into effect. These new low prices not only broaden the field of prospective Ford purchasers, but go still further in making the Ford car the best value from the standpoint of the retail buyers, that it has ever been.

Although the Ford factories have been operating at capacity for the past eight months, sales have equalled production and judging from the unusual manner in which orders are coming in at this season of the year Ford dealers will be unable to accumulate an adequate stock of cars during the winter months for delivery next spring.

In the opinion of the Ford Motor Company, November sales are an indication that many prospective purchasers, realizing the exceptional value now being offered in Ford cars, are beginning to anticipate an unusual spring demand and are therefore placing orders during the fall and will continue to do so throughout the winter to avoid disappointing delays in delivery later on. While this will relieve the situation to some extent, it is pointed out that the steadily increasing demand for Ford cars is nevertheless sure to create an acute shortage as the season advances.

Accordingly, the Ford Sales Organization is urging prospective Ford purchasers to arrange for delivery during the winter months in order that the demand next spring will be relieved as far as possible.

Real Estate Transfers

List of instruments file in the recorder's office of Nodaway County, beginning Dec. 23:

F. W. Goff to Wiley Lankford S½ SE 23, 62, 36, $4,600.

W. H. Davis to E. D. Zarn et al N½ SW and NW SE and SW NE and SE NW 9, 65, 37, $1.00.

W. H. Davis to E. J. McMackin et al part NW SW 17, part NW SE, part NW SE, part SE 18, 65, 37, $1.00.

W. H. Davis to E. J. McMackin et al S½ NE 17 and N½ NW 9, 65, 37, $1.00.

T. E. Carpenter to D. A. Gelvin part SE SW 3, 62, 37, $200.

White Cloud Lodge No. 92 to J. K. Sawyers ½ int. in S½ lot 7, block 45, 1st add. Miriam cemetery, $56.25.

Real economy and comfort in the kitchen means a Cole's Down-Draft Range.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

All monthly city subscriptions are now due. These must be paid in advance the first of the month to get the monthly rate. Be sure to pay only your carrier boy, who is authorized to collect, or at this offi[ce]

T[he] Democ[rat]

Forumettes

Have you ever noticed that The greater part of this World's trouble is made by People who make little else?

Why don't you try keeing at least one of the resolutions you made today and see how it feels for once?

The fact that a flapper has no complexion never worries her as she knows how to make up for it.

Boarding house inmates in Maryville are celebrating. The prune crop is short this year and the consequent high prices will serve to keep them off the table to a big extent.

The court house cynic, says they are always talking of taking this and that out of politics in the interest of efficiency in government but he can't see that efficiency on the day until they take the politicians out of politics.

Uncle Abner says he always pities the rich man as he is never sure of his friends.

The joke is not altogether on the thermometers. We saw a window display of clocks in Maryville the other day and no two in the window showed the same time.

This is the day when many a man resolves to start a diary and keep it through the year. He plans to jot down the important happenings each day. He will for a week or two and then the books will go the way of those started last year.

The trouble with stolen sweets, a local bachelor remarked to us the other day, is that they frequently give you indigestion.

We have heard of a good way to cut the cost of living the other day. It is very simple. Just have the goods charged and then forget all about the bill.

Louise, the stenographer, says nothing can keep a man out of a lot of trouble like not having a lot of funds.

If the skirts keep getting longer perhaps the day will return when we can stand on Main street corners and watch the dear things crossing holding up their skirts. Then we suppose the reformers will be throwing fits about germs.

Vagrant Musings

A lot of men are known by the duties they shirk.

A man's deeds usually get more notice than his creeds.

When will someone invent a fool proof automobile?

The only way some people can acquire punch is to get punched.

Perhaps the reason some men can hold their tempers is because they have none.

Heard on the Street Corner

"That is just as I predicted. If they had listened to me, things would have never gone that way. You can't trust any man in public office." Said by Mr. Didn't Have Time To Vote.

ELMO ITEMS.

(L. W. James).

Most all done gathering corn and it has averaged better than fifty bushels per acre and sells for 57 to 60 cents.

My brother, Frank, of Maryville, was up showing his fine new glass top automobile and drove around for two or three hours and never saw an enemy.

The Elmo register thinks we have Ku Klux Klan here. I thought they were plain Christmas drunks.

L. E. Adkins received 200 fish off the statefishery car free for his pond. Most of them the size our fishermen catch and a few the size of them that get away.

Petty thievery is starting up again. E. A. Carlson, the heaviest loser of twenty head of hogs.

This writer lost thirty-five cattle by black leg and still dying.

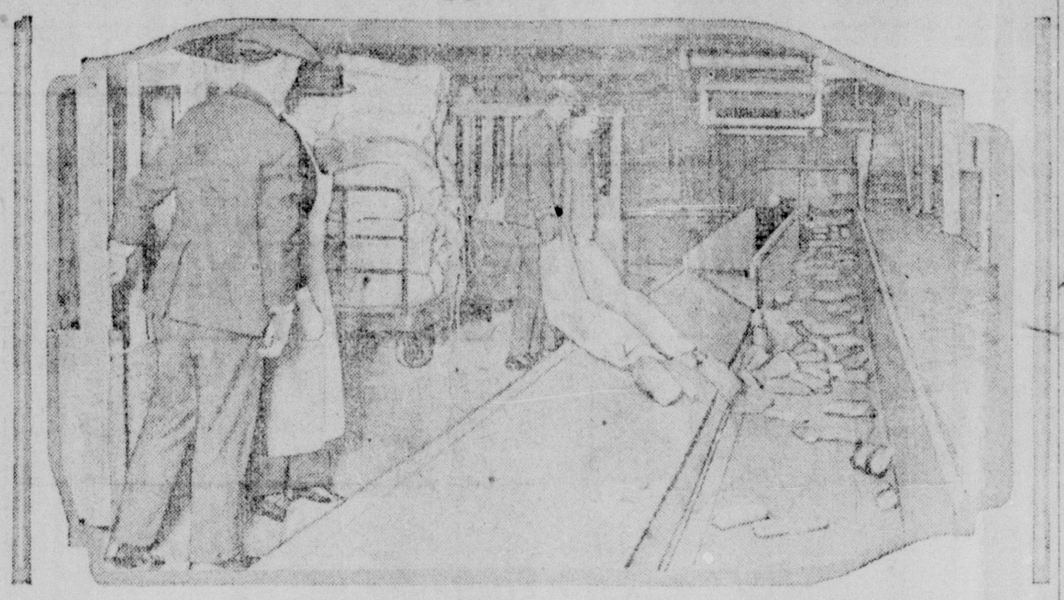
The dredge boat passed Elmo Sunday. Only one-fourth mile to go to railroad. They sure make a nice ditch.

L. L. Johnston's daughter, who is going to school at Davenport, Iowa, is home for the holidays. Luther made a trip to Canada lately in the interests of his farm up there.

Elmer Livengood, who inherited two good farms near Elmo, was digging around this fall and found a quart of genuine Old Hayner's best. Since that time ½ dozen men have been digging and found four or five coal banks.

D. T. Shelton has up a new radio and taking the music. Every man needs one [if] don't have much of a show [in] the

Chicago Now Has Biggest Postal Depot in Country



The new Van Buren street postal sub-station in Chicago, the largest building in the United States devoted exclusively to handling mail, was opened a few days ago. The six-story structure will be used for parcel post and heavy package mail. All of the postal machinery is of the most modern type. The photograph shows a feed belt in depression on the first floor.

Each Nation Has Own New Year Traditions and Celebrations

"The Old Year and the New Year meet,
And one goes back to God again,
And one stays on for joy or pain."

So says the poet. The world's people, though, think not of the pain that the New Year may bring, but of its joy, and so it is the world over, a joyful welcome that the New Year receives.

Most Christian countries celebrate New Year's day January 1. However, Russia and Greece still use the Julian calendar, and they celebrate their New Year on what to us is January 13.

England formerly observed New Year's day March 25 as did many other countries but since 1752, January 1 has been New Year's day in that country.

The Puritans of New England looked on New Year's celebrations with a frown. One of them wrote in his diary of the day: "We went to work betimes." They believed that the celebration was connected with the heathen god, Janus.

The exchange of gifts was the most common way of celebrating the New Year formerly, and that custom still lingers. The Persians exchanged presents of eggs. The Druids gave branches of the sacred mistletoe.

Monarchs demanded gifts of their subjects until the custom became most burdensome to the poorer peoples. It is said that New Year's gifts received by Queen Elizabeth helped her to maintain herself and her court in its well known splendor.

Russian children on New Year's day decorate the cattle and other animals with evergreen and march in solemn parade past the house of the nobleman of that district. The most humorous part of the procession is, old women driving the barnyard fowls, which are so bedecked with evergreen that they look like little moving bushes.

In Scotland the last day of the year is called by the ungraceful name of Hogmanay. The children, on this evening, dress themselves in sheets, folded so as to provide generous pockets. Then like a group of animated mummies they go from door to door singing:

"Hogmanay,
Trollolay,
Give us white bread
And none of your gray."

The housewives come out with white oat cakes baked especially for the children who take them and go on to the next house with their song.

For days before New Year's the mothers and maiden aunts of Ireland are busy baking gift cakes which are exchanged. One cake is thrown outside the door to keep hunger out during the following year.

On the Isle of Man, the last thing the household does before retiring New Year's eve is to spread ashes from the fireplace over the floor of the kitchen. In the morning if any print resembling that of a foot is found pointing toward the door, it is a sign that some member of the family will die within the year. If the print is pointed in from the door, it is a good omen.

In Scotland "first footing" is very popular on New Year's. A most cordial welcome is given to the person who is the first to cross the threshold after the clock strikes 12 on New Year's eve. The young man who is the "first footer" may kiss the girl who meets him at the door. However, he is often met by the grandmother or the maiden aunt, instead of the girl, and politeness bids him escort her into the house where the rest of the family is assembled, with all the courtliness he would have used had she been the one he wanted.

It was in Scotland that the habit of playing New Year's visits reached a climax. All over Europe there was a custom of visiting on the day. Everyone welcomed everyone else. It was the usual thing for each person to visit those who were on a higher social level; but the visiting became a nuisance. Young men with their dashing horses and carriages flew from one house to another, staying only long enough to drink a glass of punch and shake hands around, appearing at a door in an incredibly short length of time, ready to go to the next house.

In Paris the beggars may beg, unmolested, on New Year's day. Frankfort-on-Main has a happy way of saluting itself. At the stroke of midnight on New Year's eve, every window is thrown open; young and old hold forth their brimming glasses into the night, and drink a toast to the city.

Perhaps it is China and Japan, after all, that have the best celebration. Though they have only three legal holidays for the New Year, they often take a fortnight. And on New Year's day, everyone pays what he owes.

A San Francisco man asks a divorce from his wife after twenty-eight years of married life. The last straw of domestic infelicity was laid on his load at a bridge party when she trumped his ace. It does look as though she ought to have learned to discard in twenty-eight years.—Hannibal Courier-Post.

Mrs. Lee Crossan and daughter, Lora Mae, returned to their home in Kansas City today after a holiday visit at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anderson, on North Walnut street.

Our Great January Clearance Sale Is Now On

Bargains in all departments

Haines

The Biggest Little Store in the United States.

TOWNSENDS
MAIN AT FOURTH

THE PLACE to buy your table delicacies is where get the MOST and the BEST QUALITY foodstuffs for money, and the way our business keeps growing pretty demonstrates that we're right. We are starting the year by offering you just a few read bargains. This sale for

Tuesday and Wednesd

13½ lbs fine Granulated Sugar for $1.00
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Hazel Nuts, per lb 15c
Morten's Meat Salt, 25, 50 and 100 lb sacks for 35c, 65c and $1.10.
Sears and Nichols pack Little Admiral Peas—special sifted and sweet, per can 25c
Sun Maid Cluster Table Raisins, 1 lb cartons 20c
Good mixed Candy, 2 lbs for 25c
Large 10c oval cakes hard water Castile Soap, 4 bars for 25c
Oriental Oil Toilet Soap (like Palm Olive or Creme Oil) 6 bars for 25c
Excel Brand pure Cocoa, pint jar 15c, quart jar... 25c
Van Camp's Pork and Beans (cheaper than ever) small tins 5c
No. 1 cans 2 for 15c
No. 2 cans 10c
25c quart cans 19c
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CLUB AND CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday

Friendship Class of First Baptist Church meets with Mrs. J. D. England, 403 West Second street; 7:30 p. m.

Mutual Improvement Circle, 2:30 p. m., at home of Mrs. Robert Larmer, 623 North Buchanan street; the Bible will be the subject of the afternoon's study.

Wednesday

I. X. L. Embroidery Club meets with Mrs. Ed Otis, at her home on East First street; 2:30 p. m.

Pickering Needlework Club meets with Mrs. J. N. Geyer.

Ireland Industrial Club, Mrs. Lawrence Fink hostess at home of Mrs. Andy Fink.

Mowery W. W. W. Club, social meeting at home of Mrs. Stewart Robinson.

Neighborly Club meets with Mrs. Hallie Reynolds, Skidmore; current events program and December 6 program on Towner-Sterling bill will be combined.

Social Hour Club meets with Mrs. Leslie Hanna.

C. C. Club, at home of Mrs. James Corken, Burlington Junction.

Herron Homemaking Circle, all-day meeting at home of Mrs. V. A. Guthrie.

Thursday

Merry Mingler Club meets with Mrs. A. B. Steins.

Bloomdale Willing Workers Club, at home of Mrs. James Lett.

B. B. Club of Scudder neighborhood, all-day meeting at home of Mrs. Marion Ripley.

Friday

Women's Missionary Society of First Christian Church 2:30 p. m., at church; Mrs. George Wallace's division will have charge of meeting.

New Year's Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Townsend were hosts at 1 o'clock New Years dinner yesterday at Terrace Place. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Townsend and children, Lillian and Bohm, and their guest, Mrs. Henry Bohm of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Lavencour Michau, Mr. Norman Chamberlin, and the hosts.

Turkey Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKenzie entertained with a turkey dinner Sunday at her home on North Buchanan street. Besides the hosts and son, Franklin, the party included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cummins of Burlington Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Nicholas and children, Junior and Alice Pauline and Mrs. Del Thompson.

Celebrate Two Birthdays.

Mrs. Frank Hall entertained at dinner Sunday at her home west of Maryville in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Mr. Hall and their daughter, Miss Wilma Hall. Plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. W. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilfred White, Mrs. Mabel Trullinger, Miss Vivian Hall, the two guests of honor and the hostess.

Dinner Bridge.

Mrs. Henry E. Turk was hostess at a dinner bridge Saturday night at the Turk residence on West Fourth street. Red prevailed in the appointments of the 6 o'clock dinner and the table was centered with a miniature kewpie boy and girl holding New Year's greetings. Red candles in crystal holders burned at either end of the table. Covers were laid for Mrs. Charles S. Jackson, Mrs. Charles Wadley, Mrs. Eldon Irvin, Mrs. Lewis DeHart, Mrs. J. L. Kraft, Mrs. Sherman Montgomery, Mrs. T. L. Wadley and the hostess. Following the dinner bridge was played at two tables. The guests received New Year's novelties as favors.

New Year's Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Townsend will entertain with a New Year's reception tonight at Terrace Place in honor of their holiday guest. Mrs. Henry Bohm of Denver, Colo. Seventy five guests will be received from 8 to 10 o'clock. Mrs. E. L. Townsend will assist in receiving the guests and the hosts will also have the assistance of the Tuesday Luncheon Club members, their husbands and a number of additional friends. These will include Mr. and Mrs. George B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Caldwell, Mrs. Ralph Eversole, Mr. and Mrs. Luther E. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Neil Somerville, Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Uel W. Lamkin, Miss Clara Sturm, Mr. and Mrs. Court Toel of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flynn of Kansas City, and Mr. and Mrs. Cleav Funk of Omaha. A red and white color scheme will be carried out in the house decorations. Dark red roses combined with white hyacinth in a silver basket will form the centerpiece for the serving table and electrically lighted red roses will decorate the four corners of the table. The De Luxe orchestra will play during the receiving hours.

To Harry Lauder Performances.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Snodgrass, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Person and Roy Curfman and daughter, Virginia, motored to St. Joseph today to attend the matinee performance of Sir Harry Lauder at the Lyceum Theater. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rickenbrode and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Crow and little son, Warren, motored down this afternoon for the night performance.

Mrs. McCoppin Hostess

The December meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. A. McCoppin on West Thompson street. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. R. S. Braniger, and devotions were led by Mrs. Herbert Wamsley. Mrs. Emma Eckles had charge of the program and read the first chapter of the study book on the "Negro Mind." Mrs. E. M. Houchens read a leaflet on "A Feed of Flame," and a story of "A Woman Banker" was read by Mrs. Walter Mutz. Leaflets were also read by Mrs. Robert Larmer and Mrs. R. S. Braniger. The program was closed with the reading of Home Missionary enigmas. Following a short business session a social time and refreshments were enjoyed. The assisting hostesses were Mrs. Amelia Outs, Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. Rebecca Brink and Mrs. C. C. Corwin. Nineteen members and three guests were in attendance. The next meeting will be held January 26 at the home of Mrs. D. N. Scott.

Westminster Guild Party

The Westminster Guild of the First Presbyterian Church will give its annual holiday party tomorrow night at the home of Mrs. Charles Jensen on West Fifth street.

Swaney Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Swaney entertained at supper last night at their home north of Pickering. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and music. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Birkenholz and son, Linwood, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swaney, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Strong and daughter, Helen, Miss Babe Hull of Glenwood, Ia., and Hubert, Lester, Florence and Doris Geneva Swaney.

Oyster Supper

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Birkenholz entertained with an oyster supper Saturday evening at their home northeast of Pickering. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swaney, Mr. and Mrs. John Godsey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swaney and Virgil Tolbert.

Motored to Bedford

Mr and Mrs. Delmar Strong of Maryville and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Swaney and children motored to Bedford, Ia., today where they were guests at a New Year's dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Mell Mitchell.

Barnes-Holaday Wedding

Miss Lydia Mildred Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Barnes of Barnard, and Dale T. Holaday were married at 11:30 o'clock this morning at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church on South Main street, Dr. C. C. James officiating. The couple will reside on a farm southwest of Maryville. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holaday, living five miles southwest of Barnard.

For William Geist.

A group of friends gave a dinner party at 6:30 o'clock last night at the Hotel Balnum as a farewell courtesy to William Geist, who left today for Kansas City, where he takes a position with the Berger Manufacturing Company. A four-course dinner was served and the party numbered twelve.

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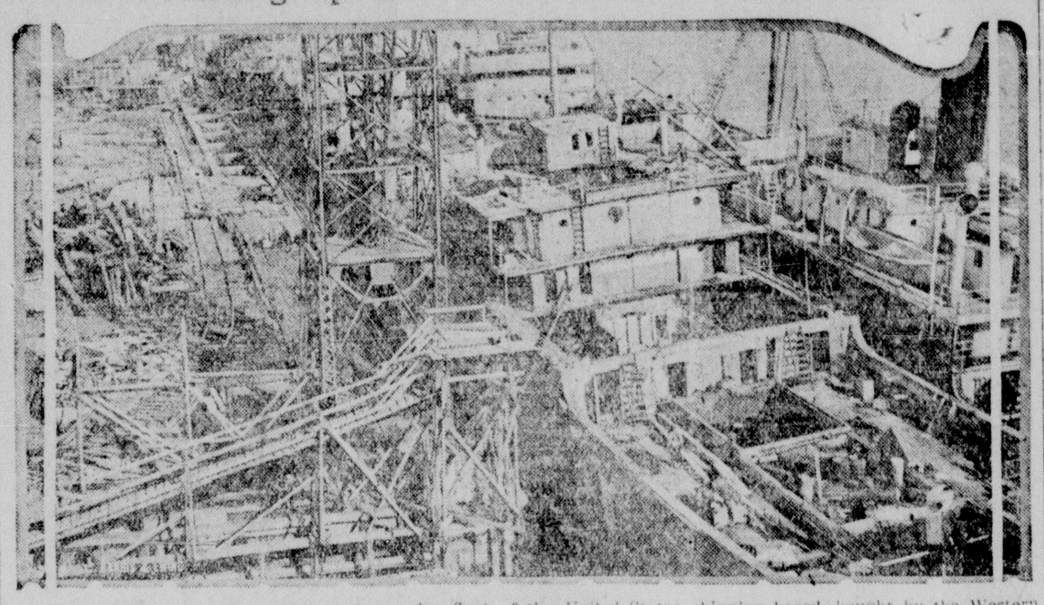
Breaking Up the Vessels of the Wooden Fleet



Two hundred and thirty ships of the wooden fleet of the United States shipping board, bought by the Western Marine and Salvage company, are now being dismantled at the Virginia shipyards, Alexandria, Va. Six ships are dismantled at a time, employing 225 men. After all the removable fittings, pipes, engines and cross timbers are salvaged the hulk is burned. The photograph shows six being broken up.

COUNTY UNIT SCHOOL BILL TO BE REVIVED

Teachers to Remove Objectionable Features and Make Adoption Optional

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 1—Another effort to enact a county unit school bill will be made at the coming session of the Legislature by the State Teachers' Association, it was decided at a meeting here Saturday of the Legislative Committee of the association. The proposed bill will seek to remove objectionable features of the one which was defeated at the last election. One of the principal changes will be that the adoption of the law will be optional with the counties.

Other measures which will probably be urged at the coming session will be:

Creation of a County Board of Education in counties which do not desire the county unit, that the consolidation of rural schools may be more easily made.

Study of a minimum wage for teachers.

Recommendation that the graduate school for teachers at the Univeristy of Missouri be strengthened and expanded.

Adequate appropriations for the State Department of Education ,the University of Missouri and the five teachers' colleges.

The Legislative Committee consists of: H. B. Vaughan, chairman, Montgomery City; Charles A. Lee, State Superintendent of Schools; Eugene Fair, Kirksville; C. E. Burton, Piedmont; John B. Boyd, Springfield; Miss Cora Morris, Lebanon, and Miss Grace Shepherd, Maryville.

Others who attended the meeting included: George Melcher, Kansas City; J. D. Eliff, Columbia; Uel W. Lamkin, president of the Maryville Teachers College and E. N. Carter, secretary of the Teachers Association.

S. T. C. BASKETEERS BACK TOMORROW FOR PRACTICE

Few Members of Squad Here Today. First Game With William Jewell January 11

Several of the members of the State Teachers College basketball squad, which is due back in Maryville tomorrow for a week's practice before school re-opens, have already arrived and a light practice was held this afternoon at the College.

Coach Maynor will return tonight or tomorrow morning as will the other members of the squad and the old grind will start tomorrow afternoon when he will begin to get his men in shape for the first two games of the season, which will be played on January 11 and 12 with William Jewell and Missouri Wesleyan Colleges at Liberty and Cameron respectively.

In an article in the Kansas City Times this morning an account of the prospects for the Springfield Teachers and the Drury College teams was printed. From this article it would seem that both of these schools are going to have fast teams. Each of the two coaches has an abundance of material and a number of letter men back on his squad this year.

Week End in St. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bartram spent the week end in St. Joseph as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Beegle.

Mrs. W. R. McKee of Pickering spent the week end in Maryville at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Delmar Strong, on East Third street.

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DECEMBER 1922 WAS ALMOST IDEAL MONTH FIGURES SHOW

Little Snow and Precipitation, and High Temperature Mark Month Just Closed

December was almost snowless, with little precipitation and high temperature, according to the weather figures compiled today by J. R. Brink, weather observer. There was .25 of an inch of snow recorded for the month and .22 of an inch of precipitation, and the highest temperature was 60 degrees. The average December mean temperature for the past thirty years is 26.3 degrees and the average for this December was 29.9 degrees. The lowest precipitation on record for December was 1896 when only .02 of an inch was recorded. The smallest amount of snow on record was in 1896 when there was not enough to register. The largest was in 1911, when 18 inches fell. The highest precipitation was in 1911 when it measured 3.4 inches.

The highest temperature ever registered in December here was on the 13th, in 1906, when it registered 69 degrees. The coldest on record was on the 10th in 1919, when it registered 21 degrees below zero.

M. H. S. DEBATING TEAM WILL MEET THE FOREST CITY PAIR

Miss Louise Peery and Richard Baker Will Go to Holt County Town, Friday Night

The Maryville High School debating team, composed of Louise Peery and Richard Baker, will debate Forest City, Friday night. The local team will argue the negative side of the question, Resolved "That the United States Government Should Own and Operate the Coal Mines."

This debate is one of the series of the Northwest Missouri debating contests and takes the place of the scheduled debate with Hopkins which was forfeited by the Hopkins team.

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A BUNDLE OF MYRRH

By WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE

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ONE of the first things that a new reporter on our paper has to learn is the kinology of the town. Until he knows who is kin to whom, and how, a reporter is likely at any time to make a bad break. Now, the kinology of a country town is no simple proposition. After a man has spent ten years writing up weddings, births and deaths, attending old settlers' picnics, family reunions and golden weddings, he may run into a new line of kin that opens a whole avenue of hitherto unexplainable facts to him, showing why certain families line up in the ward primaries, and why certain others are fighting tooth and toenail.

The only person in town who knows all of our kinology—and most of that in the county, where it is a separate and interminable study—is "Aunt" Martha Merryfield. She has lived here since the early fifties, and was a Perkins, one of the eleven Perkins children that grew up in town; and the Perkinses were related by marriage to the Mortons, of whom there are over fifty living adult descendants on the town-site now. So one begins to see why she is called "Aunt" Martha Merryfield. She is literally aunt to over a hundred people here.

She lives alone in the big brick house on the hill, though her children and grandchildren are in and out all day and most of the night, so that she is not at all lonesome. She is the only person to whom we can look for accurate information about local history, and when a man dies who has been at all prominent in affairs of the town or county or state, we always call up "Aunt" Martha on the 'phone, or send a reporter to her, to learn the real printable and unprintable truth about him.

Aunt Martha used to bring us flowers for the office table, and it was her delight to sit down and take out her corn-knife—as she called it—and go after the town shams. She has promised a dozen times to write an article for the paper, which she says we are not to print, entitled "Self-Made Women I Have Known." She says that men were always bragging about how they had clerked, worked on farms, dug ditches and whacked mules across the plains before the railroads came; but that their wives insisted that they were princesses of the royal blood.

Her particular animosity in the town is Mrs. Julia Neal Worthington. Aunt Martha told us that when Tim Neal came to town he had a brogue you could scrape with a knife and an "O" before his name you could hoop a hogshead with. "And that woman," exclaimed Aunt Martha, when she was under full sail, "that woman, because she has two bookcases in the front room and reads the book reviews in the Delineator, thinks that she is cultured. When her folks first came to town they were as poor as Job's turkey, which was not to their discredit—everyone was poor in those days. The old man Neal was as honest an old Mick as you'd meet in a day's journey, or at a fair, and he used to run a lemonade and peanut stand down by the bank corner. But his girls, who were raised on it, until they began teaching school, used to refer to the peanut stand as 'papa's hobby,' pretend that he only ran it for recreation, and say: 'Now why do you suppose papa enjoys it?—We just can't get him to give it up!' And now Julia is president of the Woman's federation, has stomach trouble, has had two operations, and is suffering untold agonies with acute culturitis. And yet," Aunt Martha would say through a beatific smile, "she's a good-enough woman in many ways, and I wouldn't say anything against her for the world."

Once Miss Larrabee, the society reporter, brought back this from a visit to Aunt Martha: "I know, my dear, that your paper says there are no cliques and crowds in society in this town, and that it is so democratic. But you and I know the truth. We know about society in this town. We know that if there ever was a town that looked like a side of bacon—streak of lean and streak of fat all the way down—it is this blessed place. Crowds?—why, I've lived here over fifty years and it was always crowds. Why back in the days when the boys used to pick us up and carry us across Elm Creek when we went to dances, there were crowds. The girls who crossed on the boys' backs weren't considered quite proper by the girls who were carried over in the boys' arms. And they didn't dance in the same set."

Miss Larrabee says she looked into the elder woman's eyes to find which crowd Aunt Martha belonged to, when she flashed out:

"Oh, child, you needn't look at me—I did both; it depended on who was looking. But, as I was saying, if anyone knows about society in this town, I do. I went to every dance in town for the first twenty-five years, or... I have made potato salad to pay the salary of every Methodist preacher for the past thirty years, and I ought to know what I'm talking about." There was fire enough to twinkle in [illegible] as she spoke. "Declining [illegible] one may say that [illegible] is the little fact [illegible] you what your paper calls the Amalgamated Handholders, to the trundle-bed trash just out of their kissing games. It's funny to watch the little tads grow up and pair off and see how bravely they try to keep in the swim. I've seen ten grandchildren get out and I've a great-grandchild whose mother will be pushing her out before she is old enough to know anything. When young people get married they all say they're not going to be old-marriedly, and they hang on to the dances and little hops until the first baby comes. Then they don't get out to the dances much, but they join a card club."

In her dissertation on the social progress of young married people Aunt Martha explained that after the second year the couple go only to the big dances where everyone is invited, but they pay more attention to cards. The young mother begins going to afternoon parties, and has the other young married couples in for dinner. Then, before they know it, they are invited out to receptions and parties, where little tads preside at the punch-bowls and wait on table, and are seen and not heard. Aunt Martha continued:

"By the time the second baby comes they take one of two shoots—either go in for church socials or edge into a whist club.

Aunt Martha's eyes danced with the mischief in her heart as she went on: "Now, if after the second baby comes, the young parents begin to feel like saving money, and being someone at the bank, they join the church and go in for church socials, which don't take so much time or money as the whist clubs and receptions. The babies keep coming and the young people keep on improving their home, moving from the little house to the big house; the young man's name begins to creep into lists of directors at the bank, and they are invited out to the big parties, and she goes to all the stand-up and 'gabble-gobble-and-git' receptions. As they grow older, they are asked with the preachers and widows for the first night of a series of parties at a house to get them out of the way and over with before the young folks come later in the week. When they get to a point where the young folks laugh and clap their hands at little pudgy daddy when he dances 'Old Dan Tucker' at the big parties in the brick house, it's all up with them—they are old married folks, and the next step takes them to the old folks' whist club, where the bankers' wives and the insurance widows run things. That is the inner sanctuary, the holy of holies in the society of this town."

"That reminds me of the Winthrops. When they came here, back in the sixties, it happened to be Fourth of July, and the band was out playing in the grove by the depot. Mrs. Winthrop got off the train quite grandly and bowed and waved her hand to the band, and the Judge walked over and gave the band leader five dollars. They said afterward that they felt deeply touched to find a raw western town so appreciative of the coming of an old New England family that it greeted them with a band. Before Mrs. Winthrop had been here three weeks she called on me, 'as one of the first ladies of the town,' she said, to organize and see if we couldn't break up the habit of the hired girls eating at the table with the family."

The talk drifted back to the old days, and Aunt Martha got out her photograph-album and showed Miss Larrabee the pictures of those whom she called "the rude forefathers of the village," in their quaint old costumes of war-times. In the book were baby pictures of middle-aged men and women, and youthful pictures of the old men and women of the town. But most interesting of all to Miss Larrabee were the daguerrotypes—quaint old portraits in their little black boxes, framed in plush and silt. The old woman brought out picture after picture—her husband's among the others, in a broad beaver hat with a high choker taken back in Brattleboro before he came to Kansas. She looked at it for a long minute, and then said gaily to Miss Larrabee: "He was a handsome [illegible] married—judge of the District court at twenty-four." She held the case in her hand and went on opening the others. She came to one showing a mustached and goateed youth in a captain's uniform—a slim, straight, soldierly figure. As she passed it to Miss Larrabee Aunt Martha looked sidewise at her, saying: "You wouldn't know him now. Yet you see him every day, I suppose." After the girl shook her head, the elder woman continued: "Well, that's Jim Purdy, taken the day he left for the army." She sighed as she said: "Let me see, I guess I haven't happened to run across Jim for ten years or more, but he didn't look much like this then. Poor old Jim, they tell me he's not having the best time in the world.

Miss Larrabee came down the lilac-bordered walk from the stately old brick house, carrying a great bouquet of sweet peas and nasturtiums and poppies and phlox, a fleeting memory of some association she had in her mind of Uncle Jimmy Purdy and Aunt Martha kept tantalizing her. She could not get it out of the background of her consciousness, and yet it refused to form itself into a tangible conception. It was associated vaguely with her own grandmother, as though, infinite ages ago, her grandmother had said something that had lodged in the girl's head.

When the occasion made itself, Miss Larrabee asked her grandmother the question that puzzled her, and learned that Martha Perkins and Jim Purdy were lovers before the war, and that she was wearing his ring when he went away—thinking he would be back in a few weeks with the Civil war ended. In his first fight he was shot in the head and was in the hospital for a year, demented; when he was put back in the ranks he was captured and his name given out among the killed. In prison his dementia returned and he stayed there two years. Then for a year after his exchange he followed the Union army like a dumb creature, and not until two years after the close of the war did the poor fellow drift home again, as one from the dead—all uncertain of the past and unfitted for the future.

And his sweetheart drank her cup alone. The old settlers say that she never flinched nor shrank, but for years, even after her marriage, the young woman kept a little grave covered with flowers, that bore the simple words: "Martha, aged five months and three days."

The war brought her neighbors so many sorrows that Martha's trouble was forgotten, the years passed and only the old people of the community know about the little grave beside the Judge's and their little boy's. Jimmy Purdy grew into a smooth faced, unwrinkled, rather blank-eyed old man, clerking in the bookstore for a time, serving as city clerk for 20 years, and later living at the Palace hotel on his pension. He worshiped Aunt Martha's children, but he never saw her except when they met in some casual way. She was married when he came back from the war, and if he ever knew her agony he never spoke of it.

One day they found him dead in his bed. And Miss Larrabee hurried out to Aunt Martha's to get the facts about his life for the paper. It was a bright October morning as she went up the walk to the old brick house, and she heard someone playing on the piano, rolling the chords after the grandiose manner of pianists 50 years ago. A voice seemed to be singing an old ballad. As the girl mounted the steps the voice came more distinctly to her. It was quavering and unsure, but with a moan of passion the words came forth:

"As I lay my heart on your dead heart—Douglas,
Douglas, Douglas, tender and true—"

Suddenly the voice choked with a groan. As she stood by the open door Miss Larrabee could see in the darkened room the figure of an old woman rocked with sobs on a great mahogany sofa, and on the floor beside her lay a daguerreotype, dimming its gilt and glass through the gloom.

The girl tiptoed across the porch down the steps, through the garden and out of the gate.

The Judge Walked Over and Gave the Band Leader Five Dollars.

Europe's Chief Problems

Discord and Failure of Agreement

The chief problems confronting Europe at the beginning of 1923 might be roughly summarized as follows:

1—Virtual collapse of the German financial system and Germany's flat declaration that she cannot continue to pay indemnity unless granted a three or four year moratorium.

2—Growing indications that Soviet Russia and Turkey may form an alliance (possibly taking in Germany later on) which would menace all of Eastern Europe.

3—Continued refusal of the United States to enter actively into European affairs and Washington's "stand pat" attitude on payment of international war debts.

4—Failure of France and Italy to ratify the Washington conference agreements, limiting naval armaments, which threatened to abrogate all the work done at Washington.

5—Discord among the Allies over German indemnity, international debts and the Near East economic concessions.

6—Collapse of Greece.

The past year has seen wide changes in political alignments in various European countries, chief of which were:

Great Britain — Coalition (Liberal and Unionist) Government overthrown. Lloyd George succeeded as Premier by Andrew Bonar Law, who formed a Tory government.

Ireland—Irish Free State came into official existence with a government composed exclusively of Irish Nationalists not connected with the De Valera Republican group.

Italy—After a series of cabinets which were dominated largely by Socialist and Communist groups the Fascisti conducted a "bloodless revolution," seizing the government and making Benito Mussolini the Premier. The Fascisti programme is one of iron discipline to restore Italy's ancient prestige.

Germany — The old Wirth Cabinet, whose policy was one of "fulfillment" of the Allies' indemnity demands, collapsed and was succeeded by a "business administration" under Chancellor Cuno.

France—Poincare Ministry collapsed under the assaults of the political group urging greater pressure upon Germany and Raymond Poincare succeeded to the Premiership. He had announced a policy of independent military action against Germany, but failed to put it into effect.

Turkey—The Ottoman Empire and the Sultanate were abolished and control of the nation was taken over by the Nationalists, headed by Mustapha Kemal Pasha. The Nationalist Government is one of intense patriotism, making its slogan "Turkey for the Turks only."

Greece — Constantine Government overturned by revolution. A Greek revolutionary committee came into control at Athens which put to death many state and military officials of the old regime.

Ireland—The entire year was marked by violence in Ireland. One of the most spectacular figures in modern Irish history—Michael Collins—fell in battle in County Cork when he and a handful of Free State military officers were ambushed by irregulars. Collins was a signer of the Anglo-Irish treaty and served as Minister of Defence at Dublin. He was commander-in-chief of the Free State Army when he was killed.

The government of Russia at Moscow remained unchanged.

There are numerous cabinet changes in Spain and Portugal, owing to general unrest, but without marked effect upon government policy.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? IT MAY BE ON THIS LIST

Certainly the head of a force of, say, 3,000 factory workers cannot hope to secure the co-operation of his machinists or his clerks by means of an examination of the differences between the pituitary or the thyroid glands of his two groups! Nor could the local climate be expected to provide a sufficient reason for the marked dissimilarity of the view-point of clerk and machinist, and that is exactly the nub of his difficulty. Even the wide assortment of instincts, though perhaps sufficient to furnish a particular explanation for each of the various groups throughout the plant, hardly solves the problem of his routine day.

"Hello! hello! Is this the superintendent? Say, the whole tool-room is walking out on us! Come up here quick and tell us what to do!"

On his way over to answer the foreman's frantic appeal, how can the "super" pick out the particular "instinctive disposition" with which something is evidently the matter?

1. Gregariousness—with its "trek to the city," and its "sensitiveness to the opinions of others."
2. Parental bent.
3. Curiosity.
4. Workmanship.
5. Acquisition. Collecting. Ownership.
6. Fear and fight.
7. Mental activity.
8. Homing or settling (children's playhouses, etc.).
9. Migration—the cause of the hobo.
10. Hunting; causes religious inquisitions, witch-burnings, competitor-beating, trust-busting, etc.
11. Anger. Pugnacity.
12. Revolt at confinement.
13. Revulsion.
14. Leadership and mastery.
15. Subordination and submission.
16. Display or ostentation.
17. Hunger.
18. Sex.

"It's Number 5! That's what's doing this business; these fellows want to own the place!..... Or perhaps Number 12." So the superintendent may ruminate as he hurries along with the list in his clinched fists.

Franm "Mainsprings of Men—Why Do We Feel that Way?" by Whiting Williams, in the January Scribner's.

Produce Review

A constantly increasing supply of fresh eggs has reached the larger markets of the country. This resulted in lower closing prices than for the previous week. Weather conditions are generally favorable for increased production, with more eggs reported in storage than at the same time last year.

The pre-holiday movement of poultry was exceptionally heavy. The demand was chiefly for chickens, fowl, ducks, and geese. Trading in tu[illegible] keys was disappointing due to lig[illegible] demand from the consumer trade.

Butter trade was almost at a stan[illegible] still. Dealers are reducing the[illegible] stocks in the face of an increase [illegible] production. Markets have eased o[illegible] and prices for butter and butterfa[illegible] are generally lower.

Went to Bedford

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tracy went to Bedford, Ia., Sunday to visit Mr. Tracy's father, L. T. Tracy, who suffered a stroke of paralysis last week. His condition is somewhat improved at present. Mr. Tracy is 68 years old.

Happy New Year

May your 1923 be as joyous as 1922 but do not neglect your INSURANCE. Call or see us.

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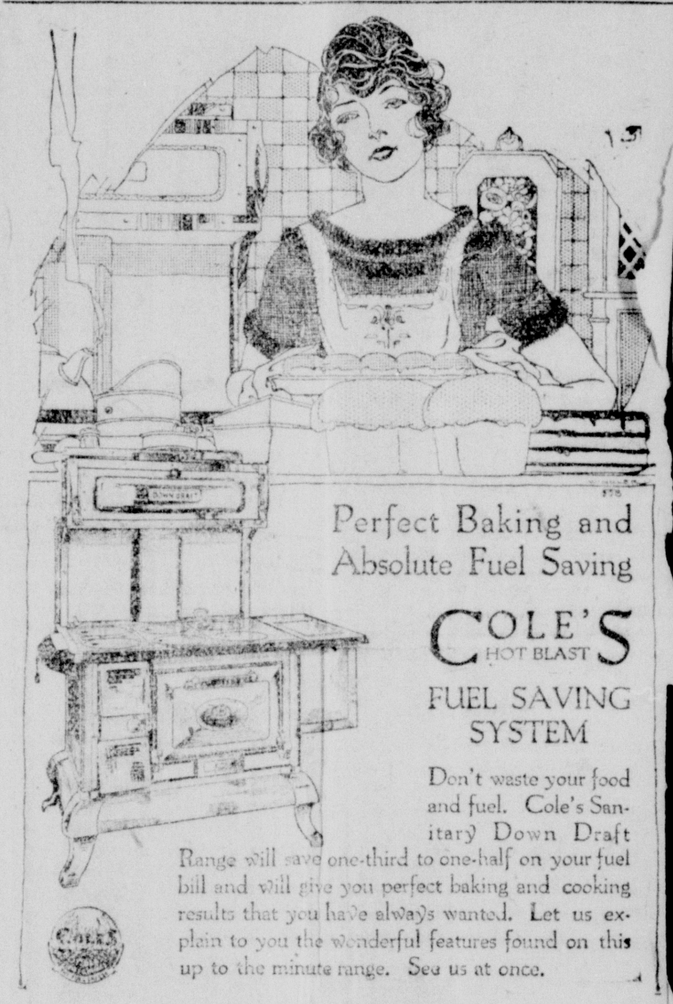

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HOWARD WRAY HARDWARE

Tailor-Made Advertising

One great fact must be remembered by those who have made the decision to advertise. The advertising plan must fit the business to which it is applied. There are no ready-to-wear advertising plans; each one must be tailor made.

The purpose of advertising is to increase business and NOT to relieve any one of his arduous duties. The manufacturer's salesman who regards advertising as a substitute for his own efforts has missed the point. His efforts are needed more than ever to support the advertising and put it across. His reward is larger sales.

Likewise, the merchant who chooses the advertised brands because they are "soft and easy" selling, has overlooked the essential idea. Certainly they sell easier; but this is not the big important truth. Rather, he should see that the manufacturer's advertising is an instrument put into his hands for increasing his volume and speeding up his turnover. Looking at the matter in this light, he will bend every effort to co-operate with the advertising and seek to make it pay him additional profits.

Advertising is not a form of perpetual motion that goes on forever without human assistance. The biggest problem any man has to settle after he has determined to advertise, and decided HOW to advertise, is this: How can I USE my advertising so as to get the most out of it? Without close-linked co-operation it dissipates its force into air.

It must be hitched on to a business properly. Then it must be utilized with intelligence. When these conditions are fulfilled it does a type of work for which there is no efficient substitute.

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THAT BRING RESULTS

Classified "want," one cent per word first insertion and one-half cent per word for each subsequent insertion, no advertisement for less than 25c

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Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by twelve o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

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FOR SALE

LEGAL FORMS FOR SALE—The following legal forms may be had at The Democrat-Forum office: Lease of Farm, Quit Claim Deed, House Leases, Deed of Trust, Chattle Mortgage with power of Sale, and General Warranty Deed.

TELEPHONE Batteries and Hot Shots—Holt Supply Co. 1-11

Purebred S. C. R. I. Red cockerels, $1.50 to $2.00, not line bred. J. Ward Stevenson, Graham, Mo. D 30-tf

FOR SALE—Light Brahma setting eggs, $1.50 for setting or $9 per hundred. C. W. Litsch, 715 E. 1st St. 29-1*

FOR SALE—17 hogs; also 10 tons alfalfa hay, no delivery. Jerry O'Connell, Far. 2-12. 29-1*

FOR SALE—Hickory and oak ridge wood, sawed in stove length; also lot of fine white oak posts. George W. Neal, Pickering, Mo. D29-tf

S. C. RED COCKERELS—Good ones, dark red, $1.50 each. Mrs. Ed Shreve, Pickering. 29-1

FOR SALE—Pure R. I. Red hens and pullets. Priced reasonable. Dale Wiley, Pickering, Mo. 29-1*

FOR SALE—Four Fox Hound Pups 8 months old. Well bred and pedigreed, call or write. Lloyd B. Heifner, Maryville, Mo.

FOR SALE—Baled wheat straw. A. B. Stiens, Farmers 51-12. 1-3*

FOR SALE—Choice barred plymouth rock cockerels, $1.50 each. Call Emerson Moore, Graham. 1-3

FOR SALE—9 yearling registered Angus Bulls. Robert Larmer. Phone 198. Maryville, Mo. 30-2*

ELECTRIC LAMPS—Holt Supply Co. 1-11

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Employment by man and wife, town or country. 518 E. Grant. 30-2*

WANTED—25 head cattle to pasture at $1.50 per month. Marvin Carmichael, Pickering phone. 30-2

YOU SHOULD have your side curtains made to open and close with the We make and repair side curtains and tops. Don't forget our tire chains under the big red sign on the side square. Lanning Tire and Top Shop. 30-10

FOR RENT—Sleeping room in modern home, close in, 402 East Fourth street. 1-3*

MARKET REPORTS

Chicago, Jan. 1.—CATTLE — Receipts, 17,500.
HOGS—Receipts, 51,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 4,000.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—CATTLE — Receipts, 5,500.
HOGS—Receipts, 20,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,500.

Kansas City, Jan. 1.—CATTLE—Receipts, 10,000.
HOGS—Receipts, 16,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 6,000.

St. Joseph, Jan. 1.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,500.
HOGS—Receipts, 5,500; top, $8.15; 5c lower.
SHEEP—Receipts, 4,500.

TODAY'S MARKET

s, per dozen	32c
erfat, per lb	46c
, per lb	10c to 13c
gs, per lb	9c to 12c
ers, per lb	5c
, per lb	11c
, per lb	11c
s, per lb	8c

HARKNESS' CHURCH TO BUILD AN ADDITION

An Addition of $80,000 to Be Built to Immanuel Presbyterian Church At Kansas City

The Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Kansas City of which church the Rev. Samuel D. Harkness, formeriy of Maryville, is pastor, decided definitely yesterday to build an $80,000 addition to its present building, southeast corner of Forty-first and Harrison streets. Today's Kansas City Times had the following:

A week ago a campaign to obtain $50,000 toward the building fund was started. Sam E. Edwards, Robert C. Combs and George T. Aughinbaugh were appointed as a committee to raise the funds, with Mr. Edwards as chairman. Yesterday the campaign went "over the top," $52,000 having been subscribed.

The Rev. Samuel D. Harkness, pastor of the church, said last night that construction of the new building would be started in the spring. It will occupy one hundred feet frontage on Harrison street and 133 feet on Forty-first street.

"The church will be designed to do modern community work, furnishing opportunity to fulfill new ideas of church work," he said.

"A sort of community center is our aim, with activity of practical help to people in need by obtaining employment for them or assisting them in other lines.

"There will be recreational, social and athletic life for the young people. The church will be open every day of the week."

TO BE A PROFITABLE WEEK

Facts Worth Money Will Make Up Farmers' Week Program

"Farm Practices that Pay" is the slogan of the forthcoming Missouri Farmers' Week at the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. This week's activities, according to Director A. J. Meyer of the Agricultural Extension Service, will begin with an evening program January 15 and close with the usual Farmers' Banquet, the evening of January 19.

The railroads are offering a fare-and-one-half rate for the round trip to Farmers' Week. Buy a return ticket and ask for the special fare-and-one-half rate. Tickets go on sale January 13, with the return limit at midnight of January 22.

All Farmers' Week visitors by registering in the main corridor of the Agricultural Building immediately upon arrival will secure a program showing the building and room in which each meeting will be held.

The Columbia Commercial Club will find rooms for all Farmers Week visitors who are not otherwise provided. Columbia has a large number of restaurants so that no difficulty will be experienced in securing meals.

Women will find meetings of special interest to them in the agricultural programs, but they will be doubly interested in the home economics program. Provision is made so that they will not be an idle moment for any one during the entire time of the Missouri Farmers' Week.

The big social event of the week will be the eighteenth annual Farmers' banquet.

Smileys Leave Tomorrow

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Smiley, who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smiley and Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Martin for several weeks, will leave tomorrow morning for their home in Los Angeles, Cal.

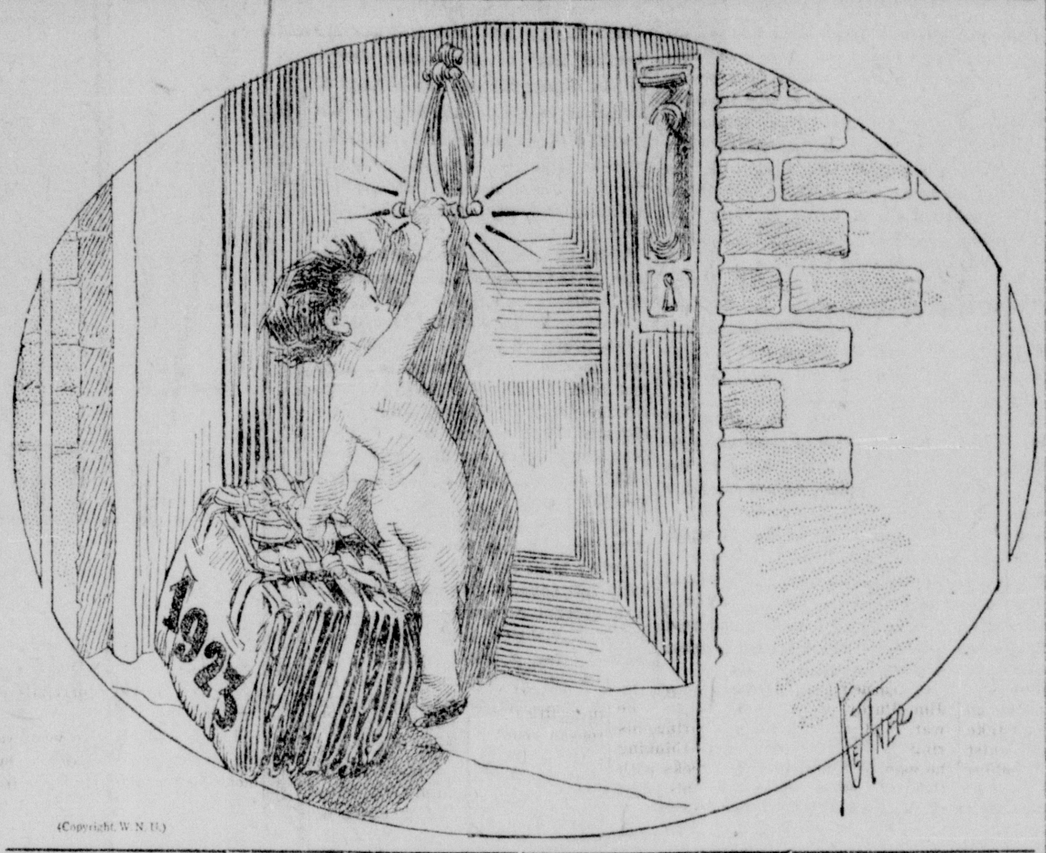
Miss Mary Wallace, who spent the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wallace in Clearmont and Miss Mary Lewis in Maryville, left Sunday morning for Bristow, Okla., where she teaches in the public schools.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads

TO WANT ADV. PATRONS

The Democrat-Forum has been accepting want and small classified advertisements over the telephone as a matter of accomodation, but some of our patrons have not appreciated this service. Please bear in mind that these small ads are cash business and that, when they are accepted over the telephone, it is only as a matter of accommodation and with the understanding that payment for same will be brought or sent to this office within three days. The amounts are too small to justify the opening of an account or sending out collectors. (tf)

Opportunity



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NEW YEAR OPENS WITH FRESH OUTBREAKS IN IRISH STATE

President Cosgrove Issues Message—Prominent Home Is Entered, Wrecked and Burned

Dublin, Jan. 1—While William T. Cosgrove, president of the Dial Eireann, today issued a New Year's message calling for peace, armed bandits of republican fighters, pillaged parts of the city, and violence was shown in many places. The home of Mrs. Hannihan, prominent republican sympathizer was attacked, the occupants driven out and the building set fire after being sprinkled with oil. Regulars attacked the Dublin office of the Independent.

Cosgrove in his message said, "I come to the New Year with a message of peace and good will with countrymen." He added that all bands of armed men must disband at once.

DR. AND MRS. S. A. COILE ATTEND FUNERAL OF GRANDDAUGHTER.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Coile of St. Louis, who attended the funeral of their eight-months-old granddaughter, Mary Jane Coile, which was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Yaple in Burlington Junction, visited friends in Maryville last night. Dr. Coile is pastor of the McCausland Presbyterian Church in St. Louis and was a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church here. They returned to Burlington Junction this morning and will accompany their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coile, to Oskaloosa, Ia., for a week's visit.

Folk's Condition Is Improved

St. Louis, Jan. 1—The condition of Joseph W. Folk, formerly governor of Missouri, was reported much improved Saturday. Physicians attending the ex-governor said he was being treated for a condition brought about by overwork in his law practice at Washington, where he has made his home. They added the condition has not severely attacked Folk's nervous system.

Return to Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Seleeman of Des Moines, Iowa, who have been spending the past week in Maryville at the home of Mr. Seleeman's mother, Mrs. Lillian I. Seleeman, left yesterday for Des Moines.

Miss Lois Carter of Vincennes, Ind., who spent a week in Maryville as the holiday guest of Miss Lucile Airy and Miss Geneva Wilfley, left last night for her home.

Mr and Mrs. Reuben Hall and small son, Wallis Edward, returned today from a ten days' visit at the home of Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fannon, near Bedison.

P. H. Tooher, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for the last week, returned to Spaulding, Iowa, Saturday. Mr. Tooher is section foreman for the Burlington railroad at that place.

Miss Mabel Wells left this morning for Shawnee, Okla., where she teaches in the high school, after a holiday visit at the home of her brother, C. E. Wells an dfamily.

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19 STATE BANKS CLOSED DURING THE PAST YEAR

Eight Re-opened, Four Absorbed and Five Are Being Liquidated

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 1—Nineteen state banks with an aggregate capital stock and surplus amounting to $832,075 and with deposits totalling $5,915,959 were closed by J. G. Hughes, former State Finance Commissioner and his successor Frank C. Millspaugh during 1922, according to information obtained from Chief Clerk, A. J. Stanfield.

Eight were refinanced and re-opened, four were absorbed by other banks, five are being liquidated, and two now are in charge of examiners.

The aggregate loss to depositors probably would not exceed $1,500,000 in the nineteen banks and of this amount almost two-thirds accrued to the depositors of the Night and Day Bank of St. Louis, which was the first and most disastrous bank failure during the year. The bank's failure was due to the misappropriation of its funds by its cashier, A. O. Meininger, who was indicted forty-seven times for his transactions. The losses to stockholders and depositors of the Night and Day Bank exceed $1,000,000.

Directors Indicted

A grand jury in St. Louis investigated that bank failure and as a result the president, H. H. Hohenschild and the members of the Board of Directors each were indicted nineteen times on charges of having assented to the reception of deposits after the bank was known to be insolvent.

Hohenschild was put on trial on one charge of assenting to a deposit after it was alleged he had knowledge of the bank's insolvency, but the case resulted in a mistrial.

Meininger's cases are set down for trial at Union at the March term of court. Circuit Attorney Sidener dismissed the indictments pending against Thomas L. Mauldin and F. J. Carnwell, Jr., directors. The indictments against former Gov. Major, Judge William H. Allen, Thomas K. Cooper and Phil A. McDermott and Hchenschild are pending.

Two Bankers in Prison

Two brothers, Vern and Walter Bundridge, popular in financial and social circles at Moberly, Mo., are in the Penitentiary serving sentences for wrecking the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of that city.

The Night and Day Bank of St. Louis, the Bank of Patton at Patton, Farmers and Merchant's Bank of Moberly, the Farmers' Bank of Durham, the Stark City Bank, Stark City, are under liquidation by special deputies representing the State Finance Commissioner. Those banks had an aggregate capital of $407,255 and deposits amounting to $3,819,768.

Most of the bank failures of 1922 were due to the business depression and continuance of deflation in land, farm products, merchandise and security prices which began in the latter part of 1920.

Many thousands of dollars of new money or other assets were raised by stockholders of Missouri banks which failed to guard the depositors against losses.

1507 State Banks

There are 1507 Missouri state banks and trust companies and their aggregate resources exceed $800,000,000. They carry deposits totaling $623,748,360.

There were thirty-two bank failures in Missouri in 1921, as against nineteen for 1922. That fewer banks failed in 1922 is believed by Finance Commissioner Millspaugh to be due to the recovery of the country from the business depression.

Maryville Commandery No. 40 Knights Templar

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HISTORY'S MYSTERIES

WHO WAS KASPAR HAUSER?

WHEN the police of Nuremburg first discovered this youth, apparently about eighteen years of age, leaning up against a wall in one of the public squares with his hands over his eyes to protect them from the glare of the sun, they at first thought that he was some idiot who had escaped from a sanitarium. But investigation soon developed that here was a case as unique as that of the man in the iron mask, and resembling it in a number of ways.

Not only were the boy's eyes weak, but his muscles were as flabby as those of an infant and the soles of his feet were convex, like those of a baby that has never learned to walk. He had to be carried bodily to police headquarters and even there, the sight of the commonest objects appeared to terrify him, while the slightest of sounds caused him to cover his ears and wince as if his ear-drums were accustomed only to total silence. On the other hand, his face indicated that he was of good parentage, and the clothing which he wore was fashioned of the softest, finest materials.

In an effort to discover something about his identity, one of the police officials offered him a pencil which, much to the surprise of those present, he seized and wrote the two words "Kaspar Hauser," which, as it afterwards developed, was the only clue he could give to his past.

Prof. G. F. Daumer of the University of Nuremberg, hearing about the strange case, took the young man to his home—amazed not only by the fact that he could neither talk nor walk, but that he would eat nothing but bread and water. The professor, however, started to educate him at once and in a surprisingly short time the youth had progressed sufficiently to give a graphic story of his experiences.

For as long as he could remember he had been confined to a dark cell, into which the sun had never penetrated. He had been visited once a day by a man who washed and dressed him and fed him a ration of bread and water. It was this man who had taught him to write the words "Kaspar Hauser," which Professor Daumer believed to be a false name given to him in order to mislead the authorities and to conceal his real identity. Finally, he declared, he had been blindfolded and led into the street where the police had found him.

The young man's story naturally created a vast amount of comment in all sections of Europe and the Daumer house became the center of attraction for the curious, many of whom maintained that they might be able to identify Hauser, but none of whom were able to produce the proof of their contention.

The next development in the mysterious chain of circumstances surrounding the youth, came about five months after Hauser's discovery by the police, when he staggered into Professor Daumer's library, half-blinded by the blood which dripped from an open gash in his forehead. It was some time before he recovered consciousness sufficiently to state that a masked man had struck at him with a saber, that he had dodged the blow and that his assailant had fled before he could give the alarm. The inference which the police drew from the attack was that the same person who had imprisoned the boy was now striving to kill him, lest he divulge the secret of his birth.

Shortly afterward, the case came to the attention of the wealthy Lord Stanhope, who, convinced that Hauser was of aristocratic and perhaps of royal parentage, adopted him and sent him, under guard to Anspach, where he was educated. Some three years later, Lord Stanhope arrived in Anspach with the intention of taking his protege back to England with him. On the morning of the day that they were to leave Hauser received a note, telling him to come to a certain place where he would learn the secret of his birth. Less than a hour later the English nobleman heard moans from outside his apartment and, opening the door, was just in time to catch Hauser as he fell, blood welling from a knife wound in his side. He had barely gasped the words, "Uzen monument—palace grounds" when he fell dead.

Lord Stanhope hurried to the Uzen monument and found there a slip of paper bearing, in the young man's handwriting, the cryptic message: "Kaspar Hauser—murdered at the age of twenty-one. Know by this that I come from the Bavarian frontier on the river. The initials of my name are M. L. B."

And not even the offer of a reward of 5,000 florins by Lord Stanhope nor the investigations of countless amateur and professional detectives could ever throw the slightest light upon the birth or death of this human enigma.

His Complaint.

"As the song has it, we are only poor weak mortals, after all."

"Admitted," said Mr. Grumpson. "What I object to is the large number of persons with no other visible means of support who draw fat salaries for telling us how weak we are."

Eyes Thus.

An mummy with bobbed hair found. They are dice er horn-rimmed

EARTHQUAKE WITH SM... AGE FELT IN SOU...

Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 1... quake was felt at Wal... Wales today. A thousand ... attending a convention w... in terror and confusion. N... were reported and the pro... age was slight.

Suits Filed Saturday.

The following suits were filed Saturday afternoon, it being the ... day of service for the January term ... circuit court:

C. J. Rees and Rolla H. Rees vs. ... Leverton and Maytie Leverton, mechanics' lien.

Farmers State Bank of Wilcox vs. ... E. Taylor, notes.

Farmers State Bank of Wi... Mrs. S. C. Taylor, notes.

Farmers State Bank of Wil... Araminta L. Taylor, note.

Farmers State Bank of Wilcox vs. W. R. Taylor and S. E. Taylor, notes.

The Hen, The Cow and The Apple

The Missouri and Kansas Hen, the Dairy Cow, and the Big Red Apple will occupy the center of the stage at Kansas City next January 3rd to 7th. Convention Hall will be filled from cellar to garrett with all varieties of poultry, eggs, dairy exhibit, apples, fruit, flowers and pigeons.

The Heart of America Poultry Show has entries from 20 states which consists of everything in the poultry line from an 8 ounce bantam to a 55 pound turkey. The dairy exhibit is held under the auspices of the National and State Dairy Council cooperating with the Missouri College of Agriculture. The fruit will be shown by growers throughout this territory, including the State Horticultural Society and Fruit Experiment Stations. A tower of apples will fill the center of Convention Hall. It is 35 feet high, takes 22 barrels of apples to cover it and costs over $1,000.

The largest incubator ever shown at any poultry show will be in operation during the week. It requires over 40,000 eggs for one s... del city lot poultry equip... one and five acre farm... shown. A great educati... will be on display. Dem... and lectures will take place ... on poultry, fruit and dair... of the best experts in... States will make add... worth going miles to s...

Thousands of dollars ... offered. The purpose ... is to create a greater interest in more and better poultry, eggs, dairy cows, dairy products and fruit. It will be a weeks school on these subjects as well as one of the greatest exhibitions of the kind ever seen in this country. An effort will be made during the show to organize a mid-winter exposition to be held in Kansas City each year. It will include poultry, dairy, fruit, corn show an dother grain, vegetables, and other farm products. These products are one of the greatest sources of revenue to the farmers of Missouri and Kansas and their cooperation is solicited.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Herron Farm Club will give Oyster Supper at Herron school January 2. All old and new members and families invited.

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E PLANS FOR "SERVICE DRIVE"

OUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL MEETING.

CULMINATES ON EASTER

Pass Resolution to Urge Congressional Vote for Film Censorship.

At the regular meeting of the ng People's Council which was l yesterday afternoon in the Nodaway County Sunday School Association rooms, preliminary plans were ade for the promotion of the "Service Enlistment."

An effort will be made to have the program taken up by all the churches of the county, and, looking toward this end, the following explanation of service enlistment and its different phases is being sent out by the County Council officers. The objects are:

1. To increase the membership of the Sunday School.
2. To win for the Christian life.
3. To increase the membership of the Church.
4. To secure local volunteer leadership for Church work.
5. To lead some to invest their lives in Christian service.

The following program should be observed by each school in the County. Any night from January 8-12 all teachers, presidents, secretaries, of organized classes between the ages of 12 to 24 years should have a teachers supper conference on one evening during this period.

January 13-20 is organized class week and should be devoted to getting the classes better organized and to organizing those that are not now organized.

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uary 1-10, recruiting week: Orized classes will send out memwe personally invite non-memMade special program should be says t r recruiting Sunday. about y 11 to March 11, preparaon far mules. The work of this week is great importance. The choicest teachers and leaders of teen-age classes, together with the most outstanding Christian young people from 16 to 24 years of age should form an inner circle group who will study carefully the objectives. This inner circle should select a leader to train them for the work, preferably the pastor or Sunday school superintendent. At least six meetings for the training of this group should be held on this date.

March 11-18, Enlistment Week: The inner circle group should have a list of those to be interviewed and should seek through personel interviews to win them for the Christian life, membership in the church, membership in the Sunday school, for daily bible reading, daily prayer, regular attendance at church services, for officers in organized classes, officers of the Sunday school and other church activities.

March 18, Enlistment Sunday. On this day opportunity should be given to those who wish to accept Christ, join the church, or make any kind of a forward step.

March 25, Life Service Sunday. This should be made a very impressive service of all with the theme, "A Life of Service in the Spirit of Christ for Others."

The entire movement will culminate with the Easter Sunday decision day.

A resolution was passed by the Council to urge our congressmen to vote for the censorship bill of picture films.

AMOS SPRECHER HAS BEEN DEPUTY FOR SIXTEEN YEARS

Amos Sprecher who is retiring today as deputy circuit clerk has held that office for the past sixteen years. He was deputy under Eug ne Rathbun, father of Virgil Rathbun, the present clerk, for eight years, and also deputy under Henry Westfall, who has been clerk for the past eight years.

Virgil Rathbun who took office today as circuit clerk announced the appointment of Henry W as deputy circuit clerk for the present time at least.

OFFICERS RECEIVED INV ON TO ATTEND MILITAR

The officers of Battery C. 1 Artillery, and their wives tod ed an invitation to attend the Ball which will be held at the mansion of Governor Hyde in City on Wednesday evening 10.

The officers of the batt E. A. Maynor and Lieut Rolf Raynor and Ralph

NO NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE THIS YEAR

New Year Festivities of Last Year Abandoned Today Because of Mrs. Harding's Illness.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—With the utmost simplicity, the New Year was welcomed at the White House today. The observance marked a virtual reversion to the Wilsonian days when all functions were curtailed. The first new year of the Hardings was marked with great throngs eager to grasp the hands of President Harding and the First Lady of the Land.

It was with great personal regret that Mrs. Harding was forced to abandon the custom today. Shortly after Harding was elected and before they had entered the White House, Mrs. Harding announced that she would revive the custom of the New Year reception. For eight years previous, Wilson had abandoned the well established tradition.

Last year more than 5,000 persons stood in line for hours in a bitter cold to greet the chief executive and the First Lady, and the affair was an outstanding success. For four hours she received guests in the Blue Room with the President. Today, under the strictest orders from her physician, she passed the day quietly.

She spent most of the day with the President in the upper west part of the mansion, reading and chatting with a few friends, who had dropped in to wish her well. As on Christmas, she took dinner with the President, in one of the main dining rooms downstairs. Greetings for both poured into the White House by the thousands. Cards and messages were received from people in every station of life from all parts of the world. Except that her strength has not sufficiently returned to permit her to walk about unassisted, except for a few moments, the New Year found her in a better condition than at any other time during the three months past that she has been ill. Her spirits are high, the snap and sparkle in her eyes have returned, and her complexion is excellent. She is able to sleep and rest well, although she tires rather easily.

THE "FIRESIDE SERVICE" PROVED TO BE A SUCCESS

Affair Held in Presbyterian Church Parlors, Attended by a Good Crowd.

The "New Year's Eve Fireside Service" held last night at the Presbyterian Church, to usher out 1922 and to welcome 1923, proved very successful. A good crowd was present.

One of the happy features of the evening was the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Coile, of St. Louis. Dr. Coile was formerly the pastor of the Maryville church, leaving here just three years ago last night to begin his present work as pastor of the MacCausland Avenue Church in St. Louis. He took part in the program, and many greetings were exchanged with old friends.

A little before 11 o'clock hot chocolate and wafers were served, and then Mr. Emery Airy led in a sing of old favorite songs, which lasted some twenty minutes. Then, after Dr. Coile's remarks and a solo by Mr. Airy, the present pastor, the Rev. S. P. Allison, spoke on the inspirational theme, "The Secret of the Great New Year" on the text "Stir up into flame the gift of God that is in you." A moment of quiet meditation closed the old year, and after the clock had struck 12 the new year was started with a prayer and a hymn of consecration. Dr. Coile pronounced the benediction.

The service was held in the church parlors which were arranged to make it seem as nearly like a family living room as possible. In the fireplace there was an imitation fire. Floor and table lamps, and dimmed overhead lights made the lighting very effective and cosy. Flowers, a clock on the mantle, arm chairs and rugs, further added to the home asmosphere.

TWO KILLED AND FOUR INJURED IN TEXAS CRASH OF TWO CARS

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 1—Two men were killed and four seriously injured at 6:30 this morning when two automobiles collided head-on, ten miles from here on the Fort Worth-Dallas pike. One was a touring car carrying six Dallas men and th other a truck. After the collision, the touring car made a side long plunge off the road into a creek.

St. Joseph Postmaster Here

Frank Freytag, postmaster at St. Joseph, was visiting today in Maryville with his sister, Mrs. John H. Sewell and family. Mr. Freytag is also editor of the St. Joseph Observer. Mr. Freytag has been postmaster at St. Joseph since April, 1914, and his term expired Sept. 5, 1922.

To Rochester for Treatment

W. B. Houston and Tom Craig of Burlington Junction left Saturday for Rochester, Minn., where Mr. Houston will undergo an operation at the Mayo clinic

MANY NEW YEAR'S DAY CHANGES AT COURTHOUSE

Three New Officials Sworn in Today—Representative Wm. Job Left for Jefferson City.

Several new faces were seen at the courthouse today as the new officials elected in November took their places.

Mrs. Mamie Clardy, county recorder, succeeds Dan R. Baker, who is leaving after eight years in that office. Her bond for $5,000 was filed with the county court with A. G. Castillo, Grant Elrod and E. K. Bailey of Elmo, and George B. Baker and E. E. Williams of Maryville, as sureties.

Virgil Rathbun succeeded Henry Westfall as circuit clerk. Mr. Rathbun is the youngest county official elected at the last election, being only 22 years old. Mr. Westfall will remain in the office as deputy county clerk.

Dr. O. L. Curl took the place of Charles F. McCaffrey as prosecuting attorney. Mr. McCaffrey has held the office for two terms. He has entered a law partnership with Ellis G. Cook.

William Job, who was elected representative left today for Jefferson City to attend the Democratic party caucus to be held tomorrow when they will select the leader of the house and such other officers. The house is to meet at noon Wednesday.

M. A. Lewis, Sr., commenced his work in the office of county clerk, Fred Smith today. Mr. Smith is commencing on his second term as county clerk.

Mrs. Mabel Hunt Miller, probate court clerk, filed her bond for $1,000 with Roy F. Hanna and F. T. Gillam as sureties. She has been reappointed by Probate Judge Jesse Robertson to that position.

The Nodaway County court will hold their first session tomorrow, there being two hold-overs, Judges E. T. Bailey and C. E. Walker, who were re-elected, and Charles S. Armstrong, who succeeded Henry Moore.

WABASH TRAIN NO. 3 OFF THE RAILS NEAR CLIFTON HILL

Wabash train No. 3, due in Maryville at 7:40 o'clock, was derailed one mile east of Clifton Hill, in Randolph County, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. According to reports, no one was injured severely. One of the mail clerks sustained slight bruises. A relief train was sent out from Moberly at 4 o'clock to bring the passengers back to Moberly.

A train was made up as No. 3 at Brunswick and arrived here about 9 o'clock last evening. No. 11 passenger this morning was over four hours late.

Return to Craig

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stokes and daughter, Rowena, of Craig returned home Saturday after a visit at the home of Mrs. Stokes' mother, Mrs. S. J. Willard on South Fillmore street. Mrs. Stokes' sister, Miss Leona Willard, accompanied them home for a short visit.

"MAILED FIST" OF U. S. MAY BE FELT IN HOODED MURDERS

Mer Rouge is Quiet Today, But Action is Expected in 48 Hours When Officials Arrive

Mer Rouge, La., Jan. 1—That the "mailed fist" of the United States will be shown through the hilltops of Louisiana, was predicted today as federal agents prepare their round-up on persons, who were connected with the "hooded mob" murders of Charles Richards and Watt Daniels last August.

With two companies of the Louisiana National Guards holding strategic positions here and in Bastrop, the prevailing feeling is that more than three score of arrests of suspected persons will be made when the state and federal authorities strike to punish the slayer of the two Mer Rouge citizens. The troops may play a prominent part in the "round-up" which may come within the next forty-eight hours.

Everything seems to be quiet and calm pending the round-up and the drawing in of the government's dragnet. But beneath this magnetic calm is a current of tension and an outbreak of violence would not be surprising when actions start.

While no developments were expected today, the arrival of high state authorities tomorrow may be the signal for immediate action. They are coming to carry out the plans reached by Governor Parker and his officers in the New Orleans meeting of Saturday.

New Years passed here almost unnoticed. The sleepy little hill town of one main street with a church at its end is ultra-quiet, but at any time it may become a seething cauldron of hatred and excitement within the next forty-eight hours.

Monroe, La., Jan. 1—Police and agents of the department of justice today were investigating the mysterious kidnaping Friday night, of 19 year old, Harold Tegerstrom, who was believed to have been taken from his lodgings by masked men in an auto. They are inclined to believe that his disappearance has some connection with the Daniels and Richards murder, whose bodies were found in Lake La Fourche. It is said that he gave information to investigators in the murders.

Mrs. Heifner Returns

Mrs. J. J. Heifner returned last night from a visit of several weeks in Columbia. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss L. Anna Owens of Jacksonville, Mo., for a visit.

Marcel Expert to Arrive Tomorrow.

Mrs. K. Dalrymple, the new marcel wave expert at the Yehle Beauty Parlor, will arrive in Maryville tomorrow. The men's booth at the parlor has been completed and is now in readiness.

We wish you a Happy and Prosperous 1923

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PHONE NO. HANAMO 602, FARMERS 111.

TONIGHT ONLY—Double feature program—

Alice Calhoun, "Little Wildcat"

This is one of Alice Calhoun's best pictures. Jimmie Aubrey in "THE TOURIST." If you want a good laught, see "The Tourist." Night 7:30 and 9:00—10c and 22c.

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 2 and 3—

Harry Carey in "The Fox"

The first Western Super-Production ever made. Nothing like it ever seen before on the screen. See a thousand horsemen in a great battle with outlaws in the Mojave Desert, a heart-punch Western with a tremendous cast in the most thrilling scenes ever pictured. See it now! Matinee at 3:00—10c and 33c. Night 7:30 and 9:00—10c and 33c.

Ford

INTERESTING FACTS

106,327 Ford Cars and Trucks Retailed in November

Approximately the same number scheduled for delivery this month

What Does This Mean?

This volume of deliveries to actual owners is entirely unprecendented for this time of the year—

It has taxed the manufacturing ability of the Ford plants working at full capacity—

It indicates a volume of business during the rapidly approaching months of "heavy demand" which will be far beyond the maximum production schedule which the Ford Motor Company has set—

And that means a Ford shortage even more acute than the one which existed last Spring and Summer.

Dealers' stocks all over the country are low—there are no reserves to draw upon to meet the demands for delivery—

There is no way in which dealer reserves can be built up, as deliveries have been made to customers as fast as Cars could be manufactured since last April.

The only way you can protect your desire to obtain prompt delivery of a Ford even at this time is to place your order immediately.

This emphasizes more strongly than anything we could possibly say the necessity of your making prompt arrangements with a Ford Dealer for the listing of your order, particularly if you are contemplating the purchase of a Ford Car or Truck for use this Spring or Summer.

We believe you are entitled to know these facts as they actually exist.

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